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FOR DAVID ERNST (S/NM)

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: SNAR
SUBJECT: INTERIM REPLY TO THE WHITE HOUSE ON BRACTEATUM

REF: STATE 30352

1. YOUR DRAFT IS FINE EXCEPT I WOULD LIKE TO SUBSTITUTE
FOLLOWING TEXT TO REPLACE THAT BEGINNING " WE HAVE ALSO HAD
A FORMAL" AND ENDING " GRAVE DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM."

BEGIN TEXT

"WE HAVE ALSO HAD A FORMAL DIPLOMATIC NOTE OF CONCERN
FROM CANADA AND OFFICIALS OF THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS
CONTROL BOARD HAVE EXPRESSED DISMAY AT THE PROSPECT OF OUR
REVERSING OUR LONG-STANDING POLICY OF ABSTAINING FROM GROWING
ANY NARCOTIC-PRODUCING POPPY.

"WE HAVE NOT YET BEEN FORMALLY ADVISED OF THE POSITIONS
OF MEXICO, INDIA, PAKISTAN, AND THAILAND, BUT IT IS PROBABLE
THAT THEY WILL NOT WELCOME ADOPTION OF THE DRUG
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ENFORCEMENT ADMINISTRATIVE PROPOSAL.

" YOU SHOULD ALSO KNOW THAT THERE IS OPPOSITION TO THE
PROPOSAL BY SEVERAL MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHO HAVE
FOLLOWED THE DRUG CONTROL QUESTION. CONGRESSMAN LESTER
WOLFF BROUGHT THIS TO MY ATTENTION DURING A MEETING
ON JANUARY 26, AND I TOLD HIM THAT I WOULD BE PREPARED

TO OPPOSE IT FROM A FOREIGN POLICY POINT OF VIEW, CONGRESS-
MAN RANGEL, A PROMINENT MEMBER OF THE BLACK CAUCUS, IS
LIKEWISE IN OPPOSITION TO THE PROPOSAL. THEIR CONCERN
IS BASED ON THE BELIEF THAT IF WE JOIN THE NARCOTICS-
PRODUCING COUNTRIES, WE WILL LESSEN OUR ABILITY TO
INFLUENCE THEM TO ELIMINATE OR CONTROL THEIR OWN PRODUCTION.
THIS IN TURN COULD LEAD TO A WORLDWIDE OVERSUPPLY OF
NARCOTIC RAW MATERIAL, WITH RESULTING POTENTIAL

INCREASED ILLICIT DRUG TRAFFIC, FURTHER COMPOUNDING
OUR GRAVE DOMESTIC DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM." END TEXT

2. ALL IS GOING WELL HERE. I MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR
HOLDING THE FORT THERE SO WELL. WE ARE DISCUSSING
BRACTEATUM ISSUE WITH DELEGATION IN PREPARATION FOR
THE CND'S TAKING UP THIS MATTER BEGINNING FEBRUARY 17
AND WILL CONTINUE TO REPORT REACTIONS AS RECEIVED.
OTHER INFORMATION CABLES REGARDING CND DISCUSSION OF
ITEMS 3 AND 4 WILL FOLLOW SHORTLY. CATTO

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